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SUBJECT:AFL-CIO STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL STATEMENT
ON QUOTE EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNQUOTE ISSUED
FEBRUARY 20 AT BAL HARBOUR, FLORIDA. POSTS MAY FIND
STATEMENT USEFUL IN THAT IT IS LATEST STATEMENT OF AFL-CIO
POSITION CONCERNING REGION.

2. QUOTE AS SYRIA AND THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION PLAY A DEADLY GAME WITH THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY OF THE LEBANESE STATE, WITH AN ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF CREATING A HOSTILE COMMUNITY OF NEIGHBORS SURROUNDING THE STATE OF ISRAEL, THE OTHER ENEMIES OF ISRAEL SEEK MILITARY AND ECONOMIC CREDITS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO ESTABLISH A DUALITY OF INTERESTS, A DIVIDED U.S. FOREIGN
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POLICY BASED ON SALES AND GREED.

--UNDER INCREASING MILITARY PRESSURES FROM WITHOUT AND ECONOMIC STRAIN FROM WITHIN, ISRAEL BECOMES INCREASINGLY TENSE KNOWING THAT ITS VERY EXISTENCE DEPENDS UPON THE UNSTINTING SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PRESERVE ITS FREEDOM.

--THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS CONVINCED THAT THE WORLD TODAY CANNOT ACCEPT A PLO TERRORIST GANG IN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS AND REITERATES THE RESOLUTION OF THE ELEVENTH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AFL-CIO WHICH RESTATED ITS CONVICTION THAT EVERY NECESSARY ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN ISRAEL AS A VIABLE DEMOCRATIC STATE MUST BE EXTENDED AND CONTINUED UNTIL HER SECURITY AND FUTURE ARE ASSURED AND INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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